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Walking on ...

RUEBEN PAUL HAAS

Rueben Paul Haas passed from this life July 7, 1995, in his home in Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 94. He was born August 20, 1900 in Asher, Oklahoma in Indian Territory. His parents were Joseph Haas and Ellen Yott, who both succumbed to the flu epidemic in 1906.

At the age of 6 he along with Jim Thorpe and others were transported from Oklahoma to the Indian school at Carlisle, PA. Upon graduation he returned to the reservation in Oklahoma, living for a short period of time with his uncle Jack Castleberry. He and Rowena Ansley were married in 1924, at Amarillo, TX.

He retired from the Burlington Railroad in 1965, where he had worked as a railroad engineer for a number of years. He was a Catholic, having been baptized at birth.

Surviving are his three sons and daughter-in-law, Clenard and Diana of Boise, ID; Marion Haas of Amarillo, TX; and Mickey Haas of Lubbock, TX; six grandchildren, Tobia Cavanaugh of West Hills, CA; James Haas of Canoga Park, CA; Rueben Haas III of Amarillo, TX; Kelly Sue of Dallas, TX; Dee Dee Haas of Lubbock, TX; and Michael Haas of Lubbock, TX. Six great-grandchildren, Dirk and Cynthia Haas of Boise, ID; Jamie and Jennifer Haas of Canoga Park, CA; Thomas and Tina Cavanaugh of West Hills, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Joseph, Jess, Paul and sister, Ethel Williver

Bernadine Haas and Lucille Lehman.

He will be as deeply missed as he was loved by his family. As a son I'm biased but I do not believe anyone could have had a more caring and loving father than my dad. May his thoughts and deeds remain with us forever.

—Submitted by Clenard O. Haas

THERESIA CARDILA MITCHELL

Theresia Cardila (Melott) Mitchell died on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995. She was 79.

Mrs. Mitchell was born on October 11, 1915 in Wanette to Louis and Nellie Rudelthia Hicks Melott. She married Ola Wayne Mitchell on May 11, 1935 in Maxwell. He preceded her in death on January 12, 1994.

She moved to Commerce in 1946 from Vinita, and has made her home at 321 McBee Street since that time.

She was a member of the First Freewill Baptist Church for 35 years in Picher, and served as the church pianist for many years. She graduated from high school in 1935 in Vanoss.

She was an enrolled member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma, and a charter member of the Potawatomi Indian Nation Archives Museum and Historical Society. She was an area representative for the Brumley Annual Springdale Gospel Singout for 27 years at Springdale, AR.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Wayne Mitchell and his wife Kimberly, Springfield, MO; Ola Ray Mitchell and his wife, Mary of Portland, OR; a daughter Joyce Courtney and her husband Jack, Springfield; a brother Joseph David Melott, Owasso; four sisters, Viola Burrow, Commerce; Emily Smith Binghampton, NY; Mary Ruth Bledsoe, Kansas City, MO; Katherine Ferri, Commerce; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nellie Grace Mitchell; her parents, Louis and Nellie Melott; two sisters, Thelma Highland and Lue Bell Hash, and a brother, Lee Haskell Melott.

ANTHONY FRANCIS O'CONNOR

Former Shawnee resident Anthony Francis O'Connor died Oct. 2, 1995, in Jacksonville, FL. He was 33.

He was born in Shawnee on May 15, 1962, Michael and Judith (Horbach) O'Connor. He attended St. Benedict and Jefferson elementary schools. He graduated from Shawnee High School in 1980, where he was a member of the cross country track team.

He served in the U.S. Navy 1980 to 1984. He graduated from Jacksonville Community College in 1988. He worked for United Parcel Service.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Judith O'Connor; maternal grandfather, Julius Horbach, Shawnee; four sisters, Susan Greene, Jacksonville,

FL; Laura Suellentrop, Colwich, Ks; Teresa Washburn, Shawnee; Barbara O'Connor, Shawnee; John O'Connor, Oklahoma City; Ardis O'Connor, Fukusima, Japan; and many other relatives including nephews Mike and Sam Washburn of Shawnee.

Services were at St. Benedict Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen O.S.B. officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

PERRY A. SMITH

Owner/operator of an auto electronic repair, Perry A. Smith, Tecumseh, died Thursday, November 23, 1995, at a Shawnee hospital. He was 82.

Smith was born March 29, 1913, southwest of Shawnee, to Octavis and Margaret (Anderson) Smith, and attended schools in Pawhuska. He married Sadie Whitehead in Tecumseh on Oct. 31, 1933, and worked for the Oklahoma City Water Department. Smith was a heavy equipment operator at Douglas Aircraft. He was preceded in death by a son, Donnie Smith, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife Sadie of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Parsy and Edd Brownfield of Lefors, TX; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Barbara Smith of Apison, TN; Lynn and Moira Smith of Moore; eight grandchildren, Rhonda Klein and Jennifer Smith, both of Moore; Karen Keith of Rockhill, S.C.; Roger Smith and Randy Smith, both of Apison, TN; Amy Hocker of Tuttle; Karen Smith of Chattanooga, TN; David Smith of Byrant, AL; one brother, Cloyd Smith of Sun City, AZ; one sister, Minnie Ferrington of Macomb; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at Roesch Funeral Chapel with James Shires Officiating. Burial will be at Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel.

RAYMOND ANDREW BOURASSA

Raymond Andrew Bourassa, 81, passed away Nov. 15, 1995. He was born June 5, 1914, in Wanette, OK, to Theodore and Katie Bourassa. In 1935, he moved to Oklahoma City where he worked at Tinker Field during the war. He later worked for General Motors for 30 years before retiring in 1976. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City for over 40 years.

Mr. Bourassa is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mildred; 2 sons, Ron of Colorado Springs, and Jon of New York City; 3 grandchildren, Lesli Ann Jansen, Amy Tashjian, and Brevin Bourassa, and a great-grandson, Brian Tashjian. Services

were held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, with burial at Wanette.

PATSY DARLENE CLARK

Antique shop manager Patsy Darlene Drake of Choctaw, OK, died Nov. 27, 1995, in an automobile accident that also claimed the life of her daughter Glynn Drake Baker. She was 61.

She was born May 7, 1934, in Aydelotte to Carter and Letha Maple (Melott) Tacker. She was a 1952 Tecumseh High School graduate.

She married Glenn Drake February 14, 1963 in Shawnee. She was retired from Travelers Insurance and was a member of the Midwest City First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn, of the home; her son, Patrick Drake and his wife, Priscilla, of Edwards Air Force Base, CA; a son-in-law Michael Baker; four grandchildren, Emerald, Nathan, Cameron and Corey; six sisters and two brothers.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Services were at Midwest City First Assembly of God Church with burial following at Elmwood Cemetery in Choctaw.

GLYNN (DRAKE) BAKER

The administrative assistant for the City of Choctaw, Glynn "Anne" (Drake) Baker, McLoud, died Nov. 27, 1995, in an automobile accident that also killed her mother, Patsy Drake. Mrs. Baker was 30.

She was born February 8, 1965, in Shawnee to Glenn A. and Patsy D. (Tacker) Drake and graduated from Choctaw High School in 1983 and married Michael Baker June 2, 1984, in Choctaw. She was a member of the Midwest City First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by husband, Michael, of the home; father, Glenn Drake of Choctaw; brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Priscilla Drake of Edwards

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Birth Announcement

Pastor Larry and Christine (Blakely-Jenks) Pauley of Early, Iowa announce a new grandchild. John Levi was born to Tanya (Pauley) and Matt Michener at 12:55 a.m. on November 9, 1995, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He weighed eight pounds, five and a half ounces, and was 21 inches long.



A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

To all my Potawatomi Brothers and Sisters:

I want to wish you a special Christmas Season. My prayers will be offered that the Lord God will walk with each of you and for those with a lack of understanding or faith that you may individually experience the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and His peace in your lives.

Those of other faiths who follow the one God, it is my prayer that you move toward an understanding of the Spirit. The Spirit, who was born as a man, accompanied the Creator Father, Kah-schah-mah-doe, through all creation. He also saw the situation of men and shed tears over our disobedient natures and was born as a man. In order to walk humbly in the presence of other men, an example, the fulfillment of prophecy and the one sacrifice made for each and every one of us.

Some choose Traditional prayer Houses of various types and others continue to pray and fellowship in more conventional church settings; many feel the presence of Kah-schah-mah-doe (God) and his healing in more than one prayer way. We must all respect each others tradition and strive toward mutual understanding. Whenever we stand in the worship of God, it must be a daily practice, in order to walk the right path. We should also humble our high and lofty minds and always pray for God to reveal truths to us and give us love for each other. May this season be a continued Thanksgiving to God.

As for me, I will pray in the traditional way that our ancestors did; by offering my good thoughts to God and ask for His peace to rest upon each of your families.

Pokagon (thank you),
Way-way-nah.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Christmas season is upon us once again. Finding that "perfect" gift is on everyone's gift-giving list this year. We go to great lengths to browse through various stores in search of that perfect gift.

Day after day, mall after mall and parking lot after parking lot, we press on determined to purchase the "just right" present for that special friend. Let me take this opportunity and offer this suggestion to you this holiday season. As you purchase gifts for your friends and family and have the gifts wrapped so neatly, consider giving the gift of yourself.

One of the greatest gifts you can give a friend this holiday season is the gift of your unconditional friendship. Happy Holidays!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!

"Thought for Today" is provided by tribal member Steve Kime, a professional speaker and author from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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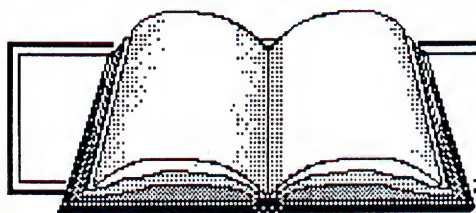
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For the record...

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES — AUG. 9, 1995

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Executive Secretary Pat Raymer, Grievance Committee member Hazel Rhodd Williamson, HowNiKan Editor Gloria Trotter. Guests: Tribal member Patricia Carson.

Discussion was held on the Scholarship fund. The tribe voted on and approved making descendant members eligible for the scholarship fund. Resolution #95-81 is to be submitted to the Area Director requesting a Secretarial Election.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-4 appointing Marian Flanagan to the vacancy on the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Supreme Court for the period 1995-1998; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Hilton Melot moved to repeal previously approved Resolution #95-79 appointing Marian Flanagan to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe Supreme Court; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Due to a previously scheduled appointment, Bob Davis left at 8:00 p.m.

Linda Capps moved to approve with one correction, the May 23, 1995 Business Committee Meeting minutes; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 8:37 pm.

Business Committee reconvened at 8:45 pm.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-6 changing the mandatory Business Committee meeting from Thursday, August 31, 1995 to Wednesday August 9th, 1995; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-7 enrolling 17 applicants eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0

opposed, 1 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-8 enrolling 26 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-9 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-10 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-11 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-12 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-13 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-14 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-15 enrolling 24 descendant applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-16 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-17 enrolling 25 descendant applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-18 enrolling 10 descendant applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the June 16, 1995 special Business Committee meeting minutes; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.



A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

Ables, Brent Leroy
Anderson, Dominique Allen
Applegate, Lyle David
Arnold, Brenda Sue Gunn
Arrasmith, Jon Michael
Babaki, Laura Susan
Babaki, Matthew Joseph
Bacon, Korie Kay Goldsmith
Bacon, Michael Jacob
Bailey, Michael Gifton
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Baker, Travis Michael
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Bateman, Jennifer Danielle
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Beach, Kami Nicole
Beach, Kimberley Ann Onstad
Beach, Lale Allen
Beck, Lori Elaine
Bishop, Calvin Michael
Bishop, Todd Allen
Bouska, Joseph William
Boyd, Rachel Ann Denniston
Brinkley, Shyanne LaShay
Bruno, Christopher Michael
Bruno, Jason Loren
Brunt, Zachary Austin Eldh
Buchanan, Chelsie Diane
Burnett, Caroline Amanda
Burnett, Taylor Addison
Butler, Felicia Raquel
Calvert, Abigail Bernice
Carter, Devynn Christin
Carter, Ross Allen
Chapa, Alex Tres
Chapa, Olivia Nicole
Cheatwood, Stephanie Michelle
Chercorski, Gregory Scott
Christenson, Courtney

Ann
Cjoffee, Justin Cole
Clark, River Jordan
Clifford, Jessica Nicole
Colvin, Darika
Compton, Jody Deshea
Cowdrey, DeVoe Eugene
Cowles, Dennis Joseph
Cross, David Jeffrey
Cross, Edmund David
Cross, Jeffrey Todd
Crow, Logan Dean
Cushen, Danny Steven
Cushen, Derek Steven
Dabbs, Austin Robert
Dabbs, Lindsay Jordan
Dains, June Christine
Doucette
Dains, Kateri Anglica
Dains, Michael Edward
Dains, Rayeanna Lynnette
Daniels, Tammy Lee Tripp
Davis, Tiffany J. Alexandria
DeLonais, Lucresha Jo
Delozier, Lauren Louise
Dement, Carl Dean
Dore, Amy Kathryn
Dore, Gregory James
Doucette II, James Matthew
Dunn, Krystal Leigh
Edgar, Kenneth David
Eikenhorst, Tommy Marie
Farrah, Darien Nicole
Farrah, Trystan Shae
Fetters, Jon Brant
Fetters, Kirk Brant
Floyd, Thomas Lucian
Freeman, Madison Alyse
Freeman, Mallory Ailina
Gampper, Adrienne Elizabeth
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CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES: *a helping hand for the hurting*

By Gwen E. King

When would Citizen Band Potawatomie tribal members want to use Contract Health Services?

Only when necessary. When needed, CHS assistance can mean the difference between illness and good health or even life and death.

CHS goes beyond basic health care provided to Native Americans by the federal government. When a patient needs long-term therapy or intense treatment, he or she may apply to CHS for assistance. Examples of intense treatment not provided at other Indian health care facilities include cardiologies, neurologies and orthopedic procedures.

"Basically, a tribal member will get basic direct care through the Shawnee Indian Health Center next door," CHS coordinator Marla Taylor said. "Once they reach a level needing advanced specialty care, their physician will write a referral for the tribal member referring them out of the system."

Taylor and CHS records management officer Sheila Scott get involved at the referral stage. They gather a medical history and other pertinent patient data and Taylor takes the information before a medical committee. Since the federal government prioritizes illness, the medical committee determines the urgency of out-of-system care.

After the treatment is O.K.'d by the board, Taylor begins a process to find alternate resources for funding the health care. Sometimes a patient qualifies for Medicare or Medicaid, or has health insurance which can be used to subsidize the health care.

"Use of alternate resources is mandatory so we can spread the money further and provide medical care for other tribal members," Taylor said. "We get a set amount of money each year and we have to spread it as far as possible."

Taylor and Scott schedule appointments for patients and make payments for their treatment. In an average week, they process about 10 referrals. They spend their days paying bills and negotiating with health care providers to try to save money, Taylor said.

Taylor stressed CHS is not an emergency room



Taylor, Scott Check Computer Records In Contract Health

payment plan. She noted that sometimes patients will use hospital emergency rooms and tell accounting personnel to bill the tribe. She said the only emergency room treatment CHS can pay for is "a life or limb threatening emergency."

"Emergencies happen daily," Taylor said. "When a life or limb threatening emergency happens, patients should notify us within 72 hours and provide emergency room reports. The reports are taken to the medical board who will determine if we can pay them."

"We have people who go to the emergency room and say, 'Oh, the Indians will pay for it.' We're not an insurance company. We are a medical assistance program for advanced medical care and we have to follow policies and procedures."

Beyond helping people, Taylor said the most enjoyable element of her job is visiting with patients. Many become friends.

"We enjoy patient interaction and we love our elders," Taylor said. "We have a few favorites and we get emotionally involved with them."

Taylor loves to read, hopes to become a teacher someday

Contract Health Services coordinator Marla Taylor has been married four years and has a three-year-old daughter named Payton. Husband John is currently working toward a degree in business management at East Central University and Marla plans to complete her education after he graduates. She would like to major in elementary education.

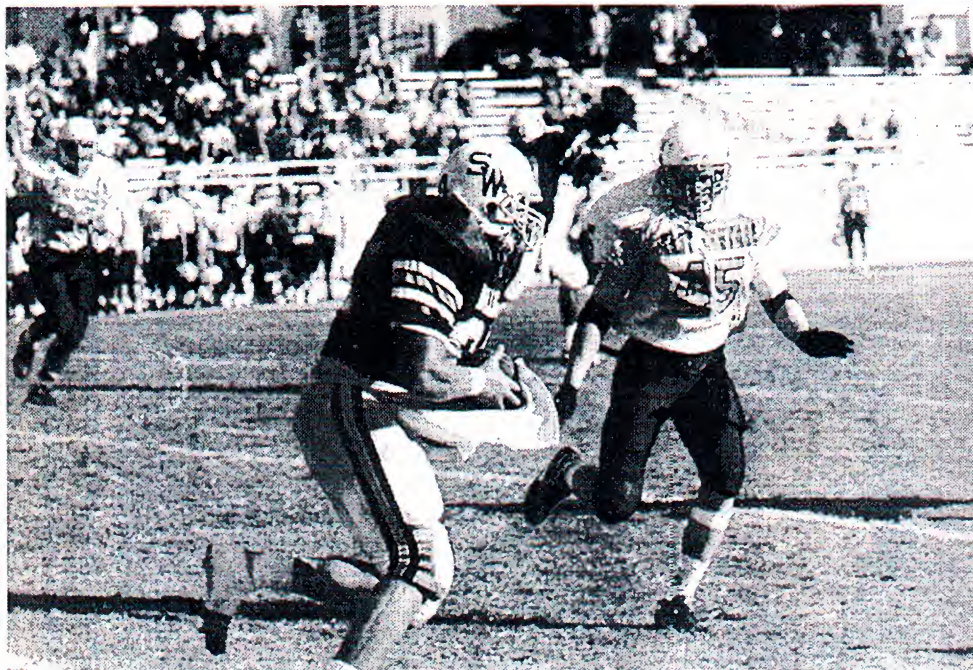


Marla said she reads constantly. Her favorite authors are Mary Higgins Clark and Stephen King. Her other hobby is bowling with the "Gutter Buddies."

"I'm still not breaking a hundred," Marla said. "We're not very good, but we go down there (to Fire Lake Lanes) and have lots of fun."

Contract Health Services officer Sheila Scott is also a member of the "Gutter Buddies." Other than bowling, she likes to "go to bed early and get up early." Sheila also spends time with her four grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and dog Taz.

TRIBAL TRACTS



Lowden In Action Against East Central University

NFL scouts check out Lowden as he completes college career

Tribal member Junior Lowden, son of Esther and Nobbie Lowden, attracted the attention of all 30 NFL teams as he completed his college football career recently.

"They have all been to see me," Lowden said, "some have been more than once. Most came to watch the film and practice, but some stayed for games." Lowden said he has already been invited to a few NFL combines or tryouts that begin in late February.

Currently he is considering agents, but hasn't yet chosen one. The NFL draft is in April, but Lowden isn't counting on anything. "I doubt if I get drafted," he said. "A few NFL teams have told me that they will invite me to training camp in May if I don't get drafted."

A tight end for the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs, Lowden was once again named to the first team of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference honor team. This was the third time Lowden has earned the honor. He was also an All-American selection in 1992 before having to sit out a season with injuries and was chosen for the second team last year.

Lowden ended his career as a Bulldog tied for second best pass receiver in school history. Lowden ended up with 92 pass receptions which tied him with Bill Davis, who played in 1951-53.

He had 1,280 receiving yards, which is fifth best on the all-time Bulldog chart. This season he had three touchdown catches and 33 receptions overall for 385 yards. His longest one was for 33 yards against Midwestern.

Lowden graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1990.

Applications now being accepted for Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma

Applications for the 1996 Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma are now available. The competition will be March 2, 1996, in Oklahoma City. The winner will receive a sterling silver crown, rhinestone tiara, monogrammed banners, monogrammed shawl, cedar box, use of a convertible during the Red Earth parade, an official chaperone and will be a featured guest at the 1996 Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant in July.

Competition is open to girls 13-17 who are at least one-quarter degree of Indian blood, have at least a 2.0 GPA,

have never been suspended or expelled from school, never been married nor born a child, lived in Oklahoma for the past six months and have never cohabitated with a male. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 20.

For more information, contact 1996 JMIO Competition, March Renée Wakeford, Chairman, 1540 N. 66th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74115-4673, (918)832-7289, or Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, Florian Griggs, President, Rt. 3, Box 110, Bartlesville, OK 74003 (918)337-8091.

Language project underway

By Norman Kiker

Suzanne Baptist, daughter of our much loved friend and elder Bill Baptist, is now working with me on our language project. Suzanne's father, whose presence is deeply missed, visited my office many times trying to teach me all the language he could.

I'm sure Bill is pleased to know that Suzanne is participating in this project. If you wish, call in and welcome her on board and encourage her in her efforts.

I can only think of one change Bill would make if he were with us today; that would be his own desk and equipment to help the Potawatomi People in their Language efforts. He would have wanted to help out anyway he could.

The present status of our project is that we have collected a lot of language. More will come our way through the United Seven Potawatomi Bands Planning Grant, which we are a full partner in. The week of December 11 the lead linguist, Lama Welcher, will be spending much of the week working with us. Following the plan that will directly move us toward the implementation of cooperative efforts with our other Brothers and Sisters, and a workable plan that will affect our people. Serious consideration will be given to situations for our children and adults. Here are some examples:

- use of computer communications
- video tapes of speakers, classes in session, proper correction by speakers explanation of words, phrases, etc.
- loaning library for regional leaders to set up actual situations with children and adults
- purchase of video lessons only for the taping costs for individual purchases
- exploration of distance education possibilities

Suggestions are welcomed and will be researched if they appear reasonable to the language project.

It is our mission not only to do a workable plan but to give all of our people the most comprehensive opportunities possible to succeed in learning the language. I know there are many skeptics out there; however, this has to be done. So, I am requesting your support as the coordinator of our language project as Chaplain of the Tribe and one who has not only been a part of the Indian Community at large but as one who has observed the needs of our people from an early age.

I really care, do you, let us hear from you. Ask for Norman Kiker or Suzanne Baptist if you call on the 1-800 number. If you write please write in, Language Project, C/O Norman Kiker, Chaplain.

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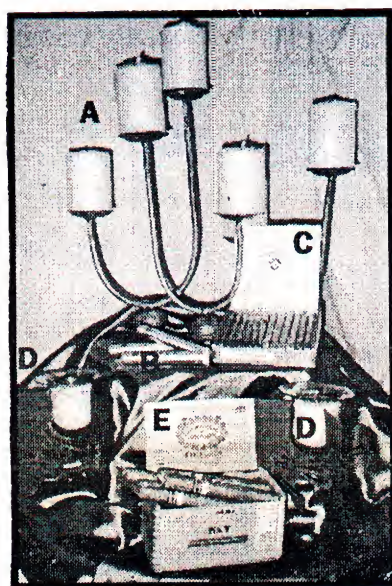
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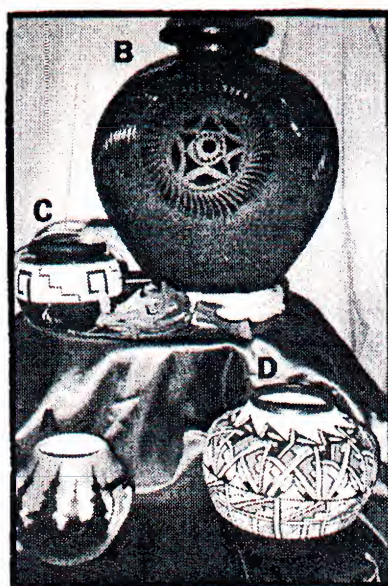
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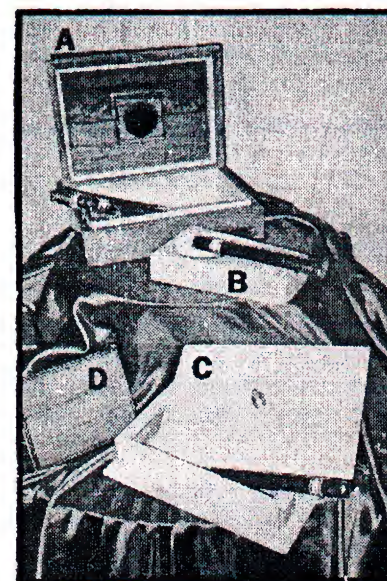


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TRIBAL TRACTS



Lynda Poe Scans Another Record Into The Tribal Archives' New Computer System

Scanning project puts tribal members' official records on computer system

Every day, Lynda Poe closes herself in the tribal archives and feeds forms into some sophisticated computer equipment. When she's through—in about a year and a half, she figures—all tribal members' official documents will be digitized and stored on computer tapes.

For almost two months, Poe has been scanning birth certificates, death certificates, family history cards, per capita payment records, divorce decrees, adoption records and just about any kind of official document you can think of into the computer by way

of a flatbed scanner. The scanner "reads" the document, digitizes the information and recreates it as a computer file, making a "computer copy."

Those copies are recorded on computer tapes and placed in fire-proof storage, easing the archivist's nightmares of fire. "We have always been worried about files burning," said Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell. "We would be out of luck." The original documents, some of them quite old, are still on file, of course, but if anything should happen to them, the information will still be on

the computer tapes.

A big benefit of the system to tribal members is that the computer record can be printed out on request, and eventually may even be accessible by computer modem from distant locations and then printed.

Poe does about 50 documents a day and is working her way through all tribal members' files. "After that, we'll start on the archives," she said. Poe said tribal officials are considering adding another scanner so the work can be speeded up.



New restaurant manager plans several interesting menu changes

Zine Rhazi, the new general manager of Fire Lake Restaurant, came to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe Nov. 27 from the Shawnee Country Club, but before that, he came from much farther away.

Rhazi is a native of Morocco and lived and studied in France for 17 years before coming to the United States. He has been in this country 11 years and in the Shawnee area since November 1993.

The new manager is now in the process of training the staff with an eye toward improving service, he said. He also plans several menu changes in the coming weeks, including "nice salads and pastas" and cold sandwiches. A wine list will also be added.

The restaurant will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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for my Ancestors



Quiet whispers,
the clicking of beads,
echoed our Spirit prayers
as we knelt at the altar.
Called together by the promise-breakers
we prayed for peace
until rude shouts,
thundering boots
broke the silence.
Before our eyes
the altar was stripped bare
as careless hands
brushed candles and communion plates
into clanging piles on the floor,
wine staining blood-red
the purity of the communion wafer.
Bayonets drawn
the soldiers forced us from our mission
church.
With tears in our eyes
we watched it burn.
Allowed only a few moments
to gather together a lifetime
and bid farewell to the Ancestors,
we wept aloud
to see it all go up in flames.
Dejected, defeated, following our chiefs
chained in white prison wagons,
we shouldered our present,
held the hands of our future,
and began the longest walk of our lives —
from the land of our freedom
to the emptiness of our captivity.

And we died.
We ran and we hid —
some escaped north —
but mostly we died.
A few physically —
we laid them gently in the earth,
covering them from intrusion
before hoisting our bundles to move on.
Emotional death kept our feet moving
our minds numb to the shock of removal.
Of our removal.
But the sounds of night —
the mourning for what was
and would never again be.
Muffled sobs, groans.
With swollen eyes we rose each morning
to face a bleak new dawn
and move on.

Sometimes our path
took us through townships.
People came out to stare at us,
curiosity bright in their faces.

Some reflected our sufferings.
Their hands bore food —
warm clothes, blankets —
gestures of concern.
A young child ran after us,
eager to join our strange caravan,
until his worried mother
took him by the hand
and led him home.
Some people jeered us, calling us "those
dirty Redskins."
They threw stones
until ordered to stop.
Then they glared at us, hatred in their eyes.
Others thought to lighten our spirits
by providing us with music,
a music foreign to our ears
for whom the drum, the chant,
and birdsong had been our only chorus.
But we recognized their kindness
and listened as we ate their bread.

Some days we marched near water.
We could hear it before freeze-time.
In a strange land,
too distant to retrace our steps,
we were allowed to stop — to enjoy the
luxury of bathing.
Clean hair.
Clean clothes. Water for cooking.
Enough to drink.
There were too many dry days.
We didn't see water,
couldn't hear its laughter.
Our stores grew rancid
and sickened us.
We smelled
and were ashamed.

From forests of hardwood
creaking in the wind
we entered treeless plains
where the wind roared at us unmercifully.
The last of summer's heat beat down on us
by day unimpeded
while the nights grew increasingly chill.
Fall became winter with keen swiftness that
year.
Whom the soldiers hadn't killed,
Whom the sickness hadn't struck down,
The cold found a way to strike.
It blew through us unimpaired,
becoming our constant companion.
We all suffered.
But our Elders
our children
theirs was the hardest to bear.

More of us died
and we stopped for burial.
Our eyes ran red from tears,
from sun and cold.
Yet we walked on.

Bereft of our priest
we conducted what ceremonies we could
to mark a passing.
But illness and grief
eventually take their toll
and we were permitted the Black Robe
for our comfort, our survival.
He loved us.
He encouraged us.
When our spirits plummeted
he was able to life them up.
He guided and directed our worship.
He conducted our ceremonies of passing.
And then he died with us.
"What greater love has a man ...?"
We walked on.

And then we were there.
Where, we had no idea,
but the dogs barked,
children ran.
Men and women in black robes,
beads clicking from their belts,
smiles of warmth on their faces, in their
eyes,
took our hands in theirs in greeting.
They bade the soldiers to lay down their
guns
and to take up hammer and saw.
They led us to food,
to beds in makeshift leantos,
to new opportunity, new life.
While they set about destroying our spirits
and the way of our Ancestors.

In our confusion
we felt relief at journey's end.
In our tiredness
we felt thankfulness at a chance to rest.
In our emptiness and our grief
we felt restored by the compassion in
understanding eyes.
In our bodies we stopped to sit awhile.

But somewhere in our deepest selves
where the remembering,
the whispers of our Ancestors,
lay in wait,
we picked up our bundles and walked on.

Susan Campbell, 1995

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SOUTH TEXAS

Bourzho from Southeast Texas!

We remember with great joy some events of 1995. A few were annual affairs for us: the council meeting we had in the spring here in Houston, and our 22nd annual Pow Wow in Shawnee. Both the best ever.

The Cedar Lodge Youth Encampment at St. Crispins was not a first, but the first one John and I attended, and we found it to be so rewarding that we recommend it for your children next summer. It was held in August, on the grounds of a lovely retreat providing cabins, a beautiful lake and pool, with teachers and counselors for each native craft and activity. There were classes in the making of native jewelry, whistles and drumsticks, a story teller, CPR instruction, swimming and canoeing, and much more. It is not too early to think of this for your children in the summer. Please call me if you are interested and I will fill you in on the details. Our Tribal Chaplain, Norman Kiker, is actively working with Cedar Lodge year-round, and can also tell about all the good works going on there.

Then there was the Woodland Nations Conference in Indiana in late September, hosted by the Minnetrista Cultural Center and their Executive Director, Nick Clark, where we made many new friends, and learned from our brothers in the North many good things. Nick Clark is now the Executive Director of the Prophetstown State Park Foundation in Indiana. You will be hearing more of this organization in the future.

The last and one of the most meaningful events of the year, the Giving Thanks gathering in Shawnee in November, brought those Pokagon Potawatomi brothers and sisters from Indiana and Michigan to us in a historical weekend of visiting, sharing each other's hopes for the future and feasting as in the old days. I emphasize historical; these recent gatherings among the seven bands of the Potawatomi have not occurred in almost 150 years until now. We were hosted by Norman and Claudia Kiker and their family on Thanksgiving Day, treated to a feast of venison chili with all the fixins' by Linda Capps on Friday, and that was

topped off by a traditional dinner prepared by Esther Lowden, Romona Melot and several members of the Schmidtkofer family, including our beautiful princess, Ginger, on Saturday.

Our Pokagon guests were Frank and Anne Bush, Clarence and Jenny White, Nick Clark, Greg and Renda Ballew, also the Lead Singer of the White Thunder Singers, John Warren and his wife Pat, his daughter Rhonda and son John Jr. The Singers: John and Clarence, John Jr., Greg, Matt and David Martin, and David's son Erin, Jimmy Wesaw, and sometimes joining in, our own Norman Kiker! It was a great joy to hear Potawatomi Songs sung by Potawatomis. We also had as guests Leo and Ida Nadeau who drove down from Kansas to join us. They are our Prairie Band cousins.

The bringing together of the bands brings together all the knowledge of language, culture and traditions of our respective peoples, and opportunities to renew bonds, learn from each other, and insure that we continue to live as Potawatomi into the distant future. The knowledge of who we are, where we came from, provides a priceless anchor for our children and grandchildren.

Throughout these events during the Thanksgiving weekend, we were hosted by John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr., our Tribal Chairman, who spent many hours with our guests showing them the tribal grounds and businesses, treating everyone to breakfast daily, and insuring that everyone was comfortable and all questions were answered. We were joined by the members of the Business Committee as their time permitted. All graciously gave of their "family time" during this holiday weekend to make it the huge success it was. We came away so much richer, with hearts as full as our tummies!

If this past year is an indicator of things to come, 1996 will be brimming with blessings for us all.

I pray the Creator keeps you healthy, prosperous, warm and dry, and well loved.

Lu Ellis

WASHINGTON

Greetings from Seattle!

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas with lots of close family, warm friends, and good food!

I'd like to begin this month's column by welcoming Jennifer Porter to the position of regional representative for Northern California. I met Jennifer in Shawnee last summer and spoke recently with her by phone. I know her area will be well served. And I want to share how much I've enjoyed working with Gary. He was a real help to me and I have fond memories of the times we've shared in Shawnee and Indiana. And when he came to Seattle! I know we'll be in touch.

My daughter and I had a marvelous road trip — my apologies to all those we didn't have time to stop by and visit. We started off in Seattle October 25 and by the time we returned home November 17 we'd put 7,400 miles on the car. We counted our 17 states we visited along the way. We really enjoyed the time spent in Shawnee — it was a lot less hectic than it is in June — and with Leo Nadeau up wandering the Prairie Band Reserve.

I have sent some Trail of Death/Removal material to one of their tribal members to be included in their tribal archives. Nick Clark was an excellent host in Lafayette, IN, feeding us and giving us directions — and cashing a check for me so we'd have funds for the remainder of our trip! I spent a wonderful evening with Shirley and Bill Willard up in Rochester, IN, just catching up on all the new Trail of Death dedications and all the neat people involved. Wish I could have stayed longer.

Offering prayer up at Wounded Knee was something I had needed to do for a long time and I was grateful to finally have that opportunity. It's a powerful place. And in the middle of some of the prettiest country I've ever seen.

Rhian's friend Kelly came with us and I suspect was finally

tired of all the Indian sites we stopped at: Cahokia Mounds, the battleground of the Little Bighorn, Pine Ridge Reserve, Prophetstown. But she was patient with us — with me. She did enjoy our tour of San Francisco and then she and Rhian toured Alcatraz. And we loved Rapid City, S.D. So all in all there was something for everyone. I apologize for any inconvenience this caused you in trying to reach me. I have returned all calls and caught up with the mail — I think! If not, please let me know.

I have spoken with the reservations manager at the Holiday Inn near the airport and we will hold our regional meeting there once again. The Business Committee will be flying in for the meeting, then going on to Oregon for the Portland regional the next day and this was by far the most convenient way to work with their schedule. I am working on entertainment and hope to get in a drum group and maybe a storyteller. Any suggestions?

I received no calls from anyone interested in forming an Anishinabe group in the Seattle area so have put the idea on hold for now. Maybe next year.

The Washington State Capitol Museum in Olympia is featuring a display of baskets made by master basket makers of Washington - tribes. Call 360-753-2580 for further information.

The Yakama Nation Museum has received a donation of 234 rare photographs portraying family life in the 1910s and 1920s. They are trying to raise \$10,000 to restore this collection; some of the photos have faded almost beyond recovery. If you are interested in helping, call Marilyn at 509-865-2800. We are all family.

Remember: **April 20, 1995** is the date of our regional meeting. More details next month. And I should have a date for the July picnic by then.

Take care — and keep strong.

Susan Campbell

REGIONAL REPORTS

COLORADO

Holiday Greetings From Denver,

In November, I had the opportunity to read about the following prominent Native Americans:

1. Eunice Carney - Kutchin - Anthropologist, and Educator in Native American art.

2. Te Ata Fisher - Chickasaw - Actress, storyteller, folklorist, promoting Native American culture.

3. Maria Tallchief - Osage - Prima Ballerina, danced with the Russian and Paris Ballet, Ballanchine Ballet Society, and the New York City Ballet.

4. John Echohawk - Pawnee - Attorney, Representative for numerous Native American organizations.

5. Henry Roe Cloud - Winnebago - Educator, Administrator, Minister, established the Roe Indian Institute, later changed name to the American Indian Institute.

6. Charles Brent Curtis - Kansas Osage - Attorney, Politician, 31st Vice President of the United States serving under President Herbert Hoover.

I also read a series of newspaper articles about Potawatomi tribal history, and was moved to tears by Potawatomi poetry.

We went to several non-contest pow wows, which are always fun. You see friends who have been gone all summer to pow wows, see new dance outfits, hear new songs, see friends who are visiting for the holidays, toothless 6 year olds, and summer babies' first steps.

In November I was invited to join the Native American Resource Advisory

Regional Council Schedule

This is the schedule for the remaining Regional Councils during the 1995-96 year:

Phoenix Jan. 20

Southern California Feb. 17

Kansas City March 9

Northern California March 30

Seattle April 20

Eugene, Ore. April 21

Austin, Texas May 18

The annual Council in Shawnee will be held on June 29. The Pow Wow will begin on June 28 and run through June 30.

Council, that works with the Anthropology Department of the Denver Museum of Natural History. The focus of this group is to discuss issues of common interest, exhibits educational programming, and NAGPRA (Native American Grave Repatriation Act). It's my understanding the museum has a wonderful Potawatomi collection.

After working with several Native American organizations, it's an honor to work on behalf of my own tribe.

At this time of year, when we make so many lists, consider adding a couple more items to your list:

• Are your children REGISTERED TRIBAL MEMBERS? REGISTER THEM!

Being a registered tribal member is a priceless, precious gift to give your

children.

• Does Shawnee have your CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS? SUBMIT IT! You could be missing out on valuable tribal information, news, genealogy, history and numerous activities.

Pass the pride of being Potawatomi to your children and grandchildren; they are our greatest assets. Someday they will tell our story.

As we quickly approach the Holy Christmas season, my family and I wish all of our "Tribal Family" a "Joyous Christmas, and Happy New Year."

Until next time, Peace and Many Blessings,

Penny Bishop

KANSAS CITY

Bourzho from Kansas City;

Here we are starting 1996 already. A time for reflection on 1995 and a time to look forward to a brand new year. For me, 1995 was a year of bittersweet memories. Some wonderful things have happened and the loss of my dear brother Michael Kindred was devastating, a loss I still deeply feel. But so goes life and death, realities we must all face. When such things happen, it does give us a chance to reflect and evaluate ourselves and our lives. We never know when a loved one will be taken away from us. We each should live life to the fullest. Be kind to one another.

We should all be proud of who we are. I saw a talk show the other day and there was a young man who said he was not proud of his Native American heritage. This really puzzled me. How could someone not be proud of his or her Native American heritage? Just look at the history of our Indian people. We are some of the strongest people alive. Our ancestors survived the white man trying to destroy us, our language, our culture and traditions. But here we are today, alive and well and still determined to hang onto our identity. We are a sovereign nation with a tribal government that cares about its people. No one must ever be allowed to try and destroy us again.

To keep on surviving we must become educated and pass this education on to our chil-

dren. Don't let anyone ever tell you that you are not "a real Indian", or not "Indian enough." This has got to be one of the most ridiculous things I've ever heard. What are they going by, a chart someone made up? Yes, I hate to say it but even among our own Native American People there is racism regarding skin color and blood degrees. Our "Indianess" comes from within. Our beliefs and treatment of our fellow man and actions are what will show who we really are.

There is so much more to being Native American than just being an enrolled tribal member. Take an active interest in your Potawatomi heritage and our tribe. There are many sources of information available to you about our history, culture and traditions. There are many books available through the tribal gift shop, I recommend everyone to read them if you haven't done so already.

Make a promise to yourself this year, that you will learn more about your tribe, your heritage and your Native American identity. Remember, knowledge is power. I promise you will have a very positive, spiritual and enlightening journey ahead of you.

My best wishes and love to all of my fellow Potawatomis for the year of 1996 and always!

Megwetch,

Maryann Welch-Frank

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bourzho Nikon,

There are indeed big moccasins to fill in taking this position as your representative! Gary Bibb has truly helped us all to be more aware of our Indian heritage and culture, as well as doing all those things needed to keep the Regional Office here running smoothly. We will miss your presence in our state and wish you and Beverly the very best in Shawnee, Gary.

I am grateful and honored to be in your service. I will do my honest best for you all. It has been some time since I have worked outside the home, but I have retained my skills and organizational talents in other ways.

My interests are varied. I study a broad spectrum of music, art, philosophy, and of course, our Indian heritage. We were fortunate in attending our first Potawatomi Pow Wow this year. It was absolutely wonderful. The sights and sounds filled the senses and the people were very warm. It's an experience to grow with.

My descendants hark back to the Peltier and Mars families. My family numbers four. My husband, Matt, is a civil engineer for Pacific Gas and Electric. Our daughter, age 22, is a veterinary technician for a local vet clinic. Our son, Zachary, age 8, is a third grader.

My time is spent on the usual household duties, volunteering at my son's school, as a member of a private choir here in the East Bay, and on whatever else comes up. I will be working on the arrangements for the Annual Regional Meeting (March 30) and will let you know more about that as I get things set up.

Please feel free to call for information, forms, whatever ... I am sometimes in and out of the house a lot, but rest assured I'll return your calls A.S.A.P.!

Megwetch,

Jennifer Porter

REGIONAL REPORTS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

I was talking with a woman friend who runs a non-profit organization that ferrets out misconceptions and misinformation about Native American cultures. They also offer a whole catalog of educational materials for people interested in knowing and teaching the real thing. She told me two true stories: One's sad and the other funny.

The first had to do with her organization's speakers bureau. They let people know who's available to speak at schools and the like. A representative of a local school board had called to ask for someone to come out to one of their schools and tell traditional Native American stories to the kids. My friend replied that she could recommend one Santee Sioux woman in particular, who was a librarian. The caller stopped the conversation dead, asking, "An Indian and a librarian? Are you serious? That's fantastic!"

The second story is about a Native American mother who was cooking a special meal for one of her sons who had returned to their reservation from college for Spring Break. The kitchen smelled wonderful, and the son began poking around, sniffing what was on the stove, nibbling on this and that. Nearby, on a counter, lay an open cookbook entitled *Gourmet Vegetarian Cuisine*. The son asked his mother what she was cooking. "Vegetarian style vegetable soup," she replied. He had a taste. It was pretty hearty for a vegetable soup, so the son checked out the cookbook, and sure enough, there was the recipe.

Now, no one in his family was vegetarian, (nor was anyone else on the entire reservation), so the son became curious. He asked his mother how she liked cooking the vegetarian way. She said it was fine, but that she just had to make just one little substitution to make it better. "Instead of the artichoke hearts," she confided, "I put in moose."

Announcements

Southern California Indian Center's legal assis-

tance project is soliciting phone inquiries and offering consultation regarding family law, landlord/tenant issues, bankruptcy problems and injury related matters. Info: (714) 530-0221 or (213) 387-5772

University of Southern California School of Medicine invites you to "Strengthen the Circle of Life" by becoming a physician assistant. Info: (213) 342-1328 or write to 1975 Zonal Av, KAM B-29, L.A. 90033

Red Road Learning Centers is offering free classes on Monday and Wednesday nights in North Hollywood from 6:30-9 p.m. Info: (805) 492-4447 (Bob Night Hawk) or (818) 752-4008 (Brad Two Bears) or (805) 582-1025 (Charley Stands Alone)

Medical services are provided at the United American Indian Involvement the last Wednesday of each month. Call Mary Dickerson or Lenora Antore at (310) 920-7227

University of California Riverside has a Native American radio show every Thursday from 5-6 p.m. on station KUCR, FM 88.3. For more information, call Earl Sisto at (909) 787-4143

The LA Department of Health Services - Health and Faith Project provides training and technical assistance to American Indian religious organizations. For more information, call Danielle Glenn-Rivera at (213) 387-7810

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above. I've also got an up-to-date Indian Resource Directory put out by the Department of Health Services. There's a lot of information for assistance with substance abuse, drug and alcohol rehab, food and housing, and education.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, with love for our brothers and sisters, and with hope for those who will follow. And may everyone we meet know at a glance how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch



Unidentified Photo

This charming photograph was found in the tribal archives without any identification. If you know who these children are, please contact Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters.

OU wellness conference targets Native Americans

Native American women from across the United States and Canada are invited to study and celebrate the balance of wellness in life at the University of Oklahoma's Spring 1996 Wellness and Women conferences.

Slated February 5-9 in San Diego, Calif., and March 18-22 in Portland, Ore., the Wellness & Women VII conferences are sponsored by Health Promotion Programs, a department of Public and Community Service at the OU College of Continuing education. Health Promotion Programs sponsors conferences, trainings and workshops dealing with health and wellness among Native American populations throughout the United States and Canada. Cosponsors for the events are the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service, the Portland Area Indian Health Service, the Albuquerque Indian Health Service Cancer Center Control Program and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Ore.

More than 2300 women participated in the 1995 conferences, which emphasize professional, personal and family wellness. This year's theme, "Walking Toward a Balanced Path," will include workshop areas from seven tracks: professional, personal, family and community wellness; health promotion, healing and spirituality; a special youth needs. Topics include resolving conflict and peacemaking, managing stress, assertiveness and parenting skills; female sexuality, overcoming grief and balancing spirituality with everyday life. In addition to the workshops, participants can take part in a health Fair/Well women's Clinic for health screenings and related information.

Registration for each conference is \$180 per person and covers all conference sessions, workshops, hand-out/resource materials, wellness activities, 3 continuing education units, a conference bag and one dinner.

For registration information or to obtain accommodations on the basis of disability, contact Health Promotion Programs at (405) 325-1790, or write the department at 555 East Constitution, Norman, Ok 73072-7820.

OREGON/IDAHO

Bourzho from Oregon & Idaho,

Yes, I am still here after all the flooding and rain here in the Northwest country. We did much better than Washington State, but it was hairy at times.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas. The New Year is upon us and of course the flu season. Please pace yourselves during these hectic weeks so that the good times you have doesn't extract a price later. Lots of rest for our elders and encourage them to get their flu shot. You young members out there, remember to cherish your elders, spend time with them. Listen to their stories, as they have a history book in their heads. If you don't listen and ask those questions now, they will be gone forever. In these days when we are trying to regain our language, heritage, our old customs, we cannot let our elders stories be forgotten.

I would also like to remind the students with scholarships that they must send in their grades, subjects for next semester and proof of enrollment.

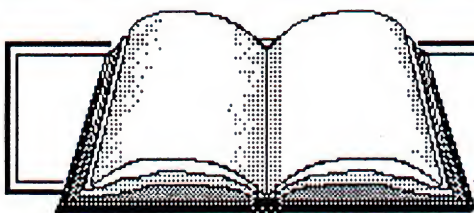
This is usually required by Dec 15.

Some PowWows coming up: Dec 29 - Jan 1, Toppenish Creek New Year's Celebration, Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White Swan, WA, (509) 865-5121; Dec 31, Klamath Falls 3rd Annual Sobriety PowWow, Chiloquin's Big Gym, Chiloquin, OR 1-800-524-9787; April 21, 1996, Oregon-Idaho Potawatomi Regional Meeting, All Members, Spouses & Children Invited. "THE DINNER" at the Shilo Inn-Gateway Mall I-5 FWY, Eugene, OR. Reserve your room early. Motels in the area: Red Lion Inn, 541-726-8181; Shilo Inn, 541-747-0332; Rodeway Inn, 541-746-8471; Pacific 9 Motel, 541-726-9266; Motel Orleans, 541-746-1314; Gateway Motel, 541-726-1212.

At this joyous time of the year, Maxine and I send a prayer to the Great Spirit: That he may touch Mother Earth with kind and gentle hands. That freedom will be found in this and other lands, and joyous peace shall reign throughout the world.

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste



For the record...

Recent graduate thanks parents for help, support

Dear Tribe,

I am Maryellen Lally, the granddaughter of Demerise Detlefsen, would like to announce to the tribe that I graduated with my Associate of Arts Degree in May '92, and my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work/Human Services in 1995, from Lewis University Romeoville, Illinois. I am the daughter of Jack and Joan (Detlefsen) Lally. I achieved these degrees with the help of my parents; without them it would not have been possible.

I am a single mother and was also a teenage mother. Statistics state only 5% of teen mothers finish high school, let alone college. I am very proud to be a Potawatomi and proud to be the daughter of Jack and Joan Lally. My mother is Potawatomi. She is very strong, caring and is the main support system in my family. She encouraged me to get educated



Lally, Third From Left, And Mother Joan, Second From Right With Family Group

and I did.

I am the youngest of my grandmother's 11 grandchildren. I was the only teen mother... Now I am the only one who possess a bachelor's degree. I am very fortunate that I have the parents that I do. My mother represents the true spirit and nature of a Pota-

watomi. She reads the HowNiKan all the time.

Thank you,

Maryellen Lally
Chicago, Ill.

Language project

Dear HowNiKan:

It's like the weather — everybody talks about it but

nobody does anything about it. Or is any one doing anything about the Potawatomi language? I have just noted a mention of the language by Texas Regional Director Lu Ellis. Surely there is more that can be done besides praying for Grandfather to deliver.

I have made a few pitiful efforts at learning the language from a tape, but we need a language primer with phrases and examples. I have tried to use a few words in my children's Potawatomi Fables series, but my efforts at getting somewhere with our elected leadership have failed. I even offered to illustrate a monthly cartoon strip using the language. I usually never even receive a response to my letters and offers.

Is this something to be left to the Tribal members themselves? Our individual efforts would be much enhanced if some one at

the leadership level would take action.

Speaking the language would immeasurably strengthen our family ties as Potawatomi.

Megwetch,

Jack Wooldridge
Santa Cruz, CA

Information sought

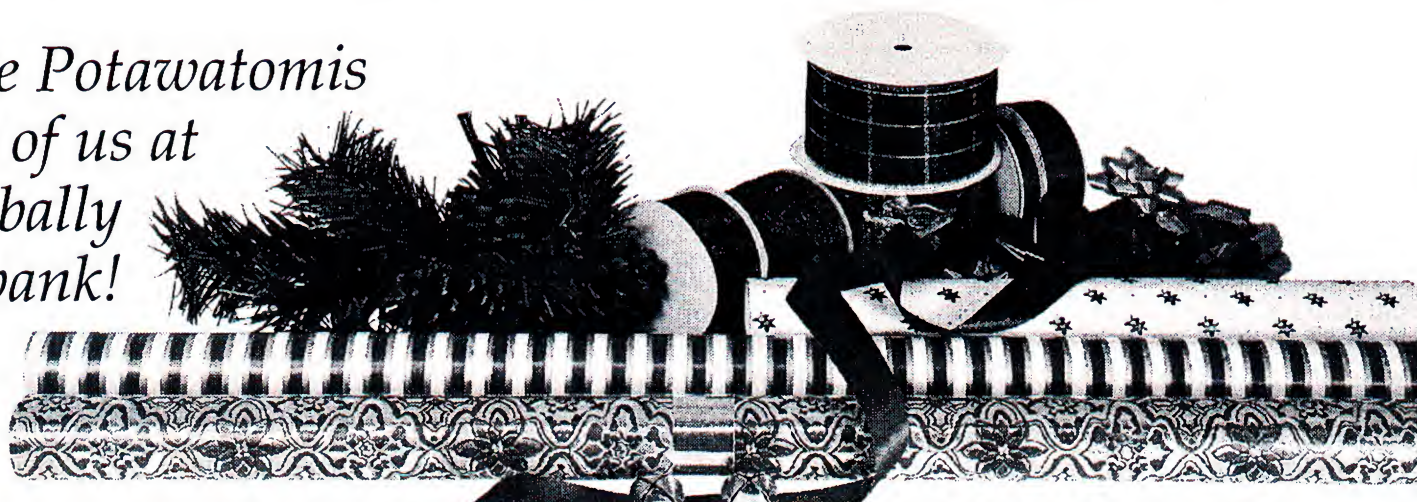
To the Editor:

I am in urgent need of information of or contact with a tribal member from the Shawnee/Tecumseh, OK area by the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan. If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Mrs. Ryan I would be very grateful if you would forward the information to me or please ask Mrs. Ryan to contact me at the address below.

Timothy Owens
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Know everything you can about your children's activities and friends. Monitor children's activities and participate with them. Don't allow children to play alone in fields, on playgrounds, or in other dangerous or isolated areas.

Teach your children about strangers.

Teach your children to refuse anything from strangers, including money, gifts or rides. Know where new items come from.

Teach your children how to safely enter home alone. Teach them how to pretend you are home and how to answer the phone if they are alone.

Teach your children to keep a safe distance from strangers and not to give strangers directions for help. Adults need to get help from other adults.

Discipline

To discipline means to help develop self control and character.

Discipline is used to help.

Discipline creates courage.

Discipline builds a child's self esteem.

Discipline makes children feel loved, important and powerful.

Discipline offers explanations and solutions.

Discipline says that people who love each other do not hurt each other.

Punishment

To punish means to cause pain, loss or suffering.

Punishment is used to hurt.

Punishment creates fear.

Punishment tears away at a child's self esteem.

Punishment makes children feel unloved, small and powerless.

Punishment offers no explanations or solutions.

Punishment says that it is acceptable for people who love each other to hurt each other.



Have A Healthy, Happy Holiday!

The staff of Health Services wishes tribal members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, happy New Year.

Pictured from left to right are: front, kneeling: Anita Harjo, Thelma Campbell; second row, Donnette Littlehead, Joyce Abel, Loretta Miller; third row (behind Littlehead) Dee Lopez; fourth row, René Cooper, Kathy Powell, Shirl Hubert, Judy Woods; back row, Rick Short, Tom Sauer, Darrell Tiger. Not pictured are Yusenda Condon, Roy Taylor and Chris Wood.

Fetal alcohol syndrome hurts babies but is preventable

By Philip W. Moyer, Tribal Member

As a sizeable and growing minority, Native Americans need more information on the unique issues that affect their health.

One important topic is fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). The Native Indian Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Program found that Native Americans are one of the leading groups to develop fetal alcohol syndrome. FAS is an irreversible birth defect identified in children whose mothers drink excessive amounts of alcohol while pregnant. One out of every 100 Na-

tive Americans is born with FAS.

FAS causes physical, behavioral and academic disabilities. Physically, they are prone to low weight and short length at birth. This growth deficiency continues throughout childhood. A characteristic pattern of facial abnormalities includes a small head, a small face, widely spaced eyes and a thin upper lip.

Behaviorally, they are impulsive and hyperactive. They often exhibit poor judgment, which is actually an inability to predict the consequences of their own ac-

tions.

Academically, FAS children tend to do well in school during the first few years. As lessons become more abstract, their ability to keep up decreases.

FAS is preventable. There is no known safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. Abstaining from alcohol during pregnancy is the only way to guarantee that a baby will suffer no ill effects.

(Editor's Note: Moyer is a medical student at the University of Oklahoma and wrote this as part of his studies.

Children's Bill of Rights

The right to be children. The right to have fun.

The right to have feelings and ideas to express them.

The right to ask for what they need. The right to some secrets.

The right to say no. The right to privacy.

The right to make certain choices.

The right to feel safe. The right to be respected. The right to be accepted for who they are.

The right to be nurtured and cared for. The right to know their limits.

The right to a support system, including peers and supportive adults.

The right to rewards and natural consequences. The right to be protected from abuse or neglect.

The right to be believed The right to a relationship with their parents

The right to be protected from knowledge beyond their years.

The right to not worry about grown up problems.

The right to be happy.



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

South Dakota trust land ruling shocks nation's tribes

(From *Indian Country Today*, Nov. 30, 1995) — The flap over taxes on 91 acres of land in the middle of South Dakota has sent shock waves through tribal governments across the country.

In a Nov. 7 decision, the 8th Circuit Court of appeals ruled 2-1 and dealt tribal government trust land holdings a major blow by overruling a federal district court decision supporting the right of the Secretary of the Interior to place land in trust for tribal use. Since the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, The Secretary of Interior has taken the authority to move land from fee status to trust status — until now.

The state of South Dakota and the city of Oacoma originally filed suit in federal court claiming the Secretary of the Interior acted unconstitution-

ally by placing 91 acres of land owned by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in trust. The state appealed the district court's ruling to the 8th Circuit Court.

"We were elated with the (8th Circuit Court) ruling," Larry Long, chief deputy in the state Attorney General's office, said. "The Attorney General's office has been involved prior to the land going into trust. Now the ball is in the government's court."

The state of South Dakota and city of Oacoma alleged they were deprived of tax revenues and would not be allowed regulatory powers over the land because of the Interior secretary's actions changing the land from fee to trust status. The 91 acres is partially located in the city of Oacoma. Lyman County, where the land is located, wasted no time in

demanding back taxes for land owned by Lower Brule Sioux Tribe after the ruling was issued. The tax collection is now delayed, waiting the final court ruling.

"The (8th Circuit Court) ruling means big trouble for the tribes," Jim Abourezk, former U.S. senator and attorney for the Uankton Sioux Tribe, said. "I hope the Justice Department asks for a review by all the circuit judges."

"At least in this circuit every acre of land that has been put in trust is in jeopardy — every acre in trust," Mr. Abourezk said. "I don't know why the state of South Dakota doesn't sue the churches for taking land off tax rolls. They don't go after non-profits other than Indians," he said.

"I think the tribes should get together and change the law

through Congress. It's not a high priority now, but all that could change."

The decision to ask the 8th Circuit Court to gather all 11 active judges for a review of the case is now in the hands of the Department of Justice. Bob Anderson, associate solicitor in the Department of the Interior, said his department is very likely to recommend review.

"This ruling has dramatic impact and is one of the most important rulings in years. What could be more important than an impact on land?" he said. "If the circuit majority ruled incorrectly, it would be a very important case to us," Mr. Anderson said.

Any request for a review of the decision must come within 45 days. The Justice Department would not move on the issue without the request from the

Interior Department's Solicitor General's office, Mr. Anderson said.

All circuit judges would be called in to review the case and submit a ruling.

The final decision may rest with whether or not the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case.

The state of South Dakota has indicated it will appeal to the senior court if a review overturns the decision of the appellate court.

Should the U.S. Supreme Court hear the case and rule that placing land in trust by the Secretary of the Interior was not within the boundaries of the authority given by Congress, the question arises whether or not all land placed in trust since 1934 would be removed from trust status.

North Carolina's Eno-Occaneechi seek state, federal recognition

(From *News From Indian Country*, Late August, 1995) — To be or not to be? That's the question state officials will have to consider in determining whether North Carolina's Eno-Occaneechi should gain state and federal recognition as a tribe.

The Eno-Occaneechi are nearing the end of a five-year petitioning process with the state Indian Affairs commission that could give them tribal recognition. Recognition means status within the Indian community and eligibility for dollars from Raleigh and Washington.

"Every time we've tried to assert ourselves the last 200 years we've been crushed down," said tribal president Lawrence Dunmore. "Hell if we're going to let it happen this time."

Using an \$81,000 federal grant, Dunmore has opened an office in Mebane, where he hopes to revive the Eno-Occaneechi language to bolster the effort to gain tribal recognition.

The tribe came to North Carolina more than 300 years ago after being driven from villages in Virginia. In recent

decades, the Eno-Occaneechi lived without an identity, largely the result of intermarriage and segregation.

Currently, some 300 people centered in Alamance County's Pleasant Grove community claim membership in the Eno-Occaneechi tribe.

"I didn't know I was an Occaneechi until 1984," said John "Blackfeather" Jeffries, a Hillsborough resident who sits on the council of the Occaneechi band of the Saponi Nation, the tribe's official title. "I always thought I was Cherokee."

Such confessions are a good

reason to deny the Eno-Occaneechi a place under the official Indian umbrella, according to critics of the tribe's push for recognition.

Among the Eno-Occaneechi critics is Lonnie Revels of Greensboro, a Lumbee who sits on the committee that will consider the Eno-Occaneechi petition this month.

Revels suspects the original Eno-Occaneechi people died out more than 200 years ago. The present group is likely an amalgam of tribes that have occupied the old Eno-Occaneechi land over the years, he said.

Criteria for recognition include documenting 200 years of unbroken tribal history and improving the existence of tribal organizations such as

schools, churches and lodges.

Tribal records are scarce for many periods because the people went underground to survive persecution, members say.

"Who the hell does have a tribal history? Even the Cherokee were scattered like hell," Jeffries told the *News & Record* of Greensboro. "What do they want us to do? Dig up a bone with our name on it?"

The Eno-Occaneechi think they are the best-documented tribe in the state after the Cherokee, the only tribe in the state to gain federal recognition. Two archaeologists from UNC-Chapel Hill who have studied the tribe's genealogical, archaeological and historical data have joined the chorus for state recognition.

Ira Hayes: an unwilling hero remembered

(From *Pequot Times*, April 1995) — Ira Hayes always wanted to forget his place in history.

But his fellow Pimas are doing their best to make sure Hayes is remembered as the American Indian who helped raise a flag over the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II.

An Associated Press photo of six helmeted men struggling to raise a flagpole, taken 50 years ago atop Mount Suribachi on the Pacific island, is one of the most famous pictures ever taken. It brought unwanted prominence to the young Marine from what's now the Gila River Indian Community.

Hayes, who went around the

country to help sell war bonds, told friend and relatives he could not escape the guilt of having survived while 6,821 other Americans were killed trying to take the island from the Japanese.

"He felt he really shouldn't be praised like that," said his niece, Sara Bernal. "After the war, he didn't spend that much time on the reservation. He just went from city to city."

He was arrested repeatedly for drinking, an affliction relatives think was worsened by his fame, and died after collapsing while walking home on a cold night in January 1955.

"I got sick and tired of hearing about the flag raising," he said after one arrest, in

Chicago in 1953. "I wish that guy had never taken that picture."

The picture has been on magazine covers and a postage stamp, and served as the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

In the photo, only Hayes' out-stretched hands show from behind the front row of flag-raisers. Three of the six men pictured were killed on Iwo Jima.

Hayes' family and others are worried that he'll be forgotten by his own people. But reservation teachers say they use the movie "Sands of Iwo Jima" and a country song by Johnny Cash, "The Ballad of Ira Hayes," to keep his memory alive.



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Citizen Band Potawatomi Chairman John A. Barret Jr., Right, Greets Frank Bush, Elder Of The Pokagon Potawatomi Tribe



Committeeman Hilton Melot, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Greg Ballew, Frank Bush, Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Clarence White, John Warren, Nick Clark Pose For Picture During Pokagon Potawatomis' Visit Thanksgiving Weekend

A Thanksgiving to remember and hold in my heart

By Norman Kiker, Chaplain

This Thanksgiving was filled with a good spiritual tone, which was set by the honor I felt when our brothers and sisters of the Pokagon Potawatomi Tribe agreed to accept an invitation to spend that time with us.

On Thanksgiving Day all of our welcomed guests from our old homeland very graciously came to my house for the Thanksgiving feast and friendship. They brought with them the spirit of friendship, that we should all extend to each other. Our special guests were: Frank Bush, respected elder, head veteran and spiritual advisor and his wife Anne; Clarence White, respected elder, spiritual advisor and his wife Jenny; John and Pat Warren, daughter Ronda, son John Jr., Greg and Renda Ballew; and Nick Clark, director of Prophetstown Foundation.

John Warren is Head Singer of the White Thunder Singers, Clarence White is the Head Elder and Spiritual Advisor of the Drum. The White Thunder Singers are David and Matt Martin, John Warren Jr., Jimmy WeSaw accompanied by Greg Ballew and Norman Kiker and super special guest Erin Martin, around two years old.

My appreciation to John Warren and Clarence White and the White Thunder Singers for honoring the Kiker home and family with such wonderful Potawatomi songs on Thanksgiving Day and for spending your time with our tribal leaders and tribal members on the weekend. My appreciation to Esther Lowden and company for the excellent Traditional meal and thanks to Linda Capps, Potawatomi Vice Chairperson, for the wonderful venison chili.

You both shared your time with our guests, as well as your good food and your company. It was also good to have Leo and Ida Nedeau with us from Kansas. Megwetch, Leo and Ida!

To Rocky Barrett, megwetch nikane for your commitment of joy, the long hours you put in with our honored guests and for not whipping me too bad at horseshoes. Hilton Melot, megwetch to you and Romona for your commitment. By the way Rocky, Frank Bush and I almost beat you except for Clarence putting that one point winner next to the peg.

Way-way-nah to Frank Bush and Clarence White for your wisdom. To John Warren and the White Thunder Singers, this historic event could not have taken place without the Drum and words to Ka-sha-mah-doe and other prayers.

Thanks to the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe for supporting this gathering and allowing the Executive Board and members of Cedar Lodge, Inc. to share in this joint effort. It was Cedar Lodge's wish to help wherever possible, in support of my chaplaincy.

PHOTOS COURTESY JOHN ELLIS



White Thunder Singers Provided Potawatomi Songs During Gathering



Frank Bush, Clarence White, Chairman John A. Barrett, John Warren, Greg Ballew, Chaplain Norman Kiker Tour First National Bank Building